



GRETCHEN HARTMAN

AS LITTLE MARY JANE WITH HENRY E. DIXEY IN "MARY JANE'S PA."

When Henry E. Dixey appears under the management of Henry W. Savage at Smith's theatre, next Wednesday evening, there will be seen in his support Miss Gretchen Hartman, who has won the title of the best child actress on the stage.

This precocious little player who has not yet reached her teens, made her first public appearance with the Bush Temple Stock Company, in Chicago, at the age of seven years, and, what is more singular, she secured her first engagement, through personal application and without the assistance of any "grown-up."

Miss Hartman is the daughter of Mrs. Hartman, a Danish actress, who is playing a small part in "Mary Jane's Pa." When she was seven years old, Gretchen was living in Chicago, with her mother who played occasional engagements with a Norwegian company. From the period of Gretchen's infancy her mother used to take her to the theatre in her arms, and at the age of six the little girl had become a mimic, and played snatches of old Norwegian folk songs to the delight of the people behind the scenes.

At seven she announced one day to her mother, "I am going on the stage to help you." Forthwith she sat down and with great effort scratched out in pencil the following letter addressed to

Frederick Power, stage director of the Bush Temple Stock Company:

"Mr. Power: I am a little girl. I want to be an actress. Will you let me be one?"

"GRETCHEN HARTMAN." Mr. Power sent the conventional reply, stating that although there was no vacancy at the present time he would be glad to see Miss Hartman and put her application on file. Imagine his surprise on the following day when a little tot appeared at his office, with his letter and announced her identity.

"Have you had any experience?" asked Mr. Power, who was amused by the child's precocity.

"I'm a singer," said Gretchen; "listen." And without more ado she sang in a clear voice of sympathetic whimsiness one of the old folk songs that she had tried so often on her mother's friends.

"I'll try you," said Mr. Power. "You're engaged. Come with me to the wigmaker's. Your hair is black. You must have a blonde wig, and also a little Norwegian dress for that song. You may sing it between the acts to-night."

"Wait," said Gretchen, who was of a remarkably practical turn. "How much are my wages?"

"Five dollars a week," Mr. Power laughed.

"Little girl, I'll give you ten. And if you can impress an audience as you have impressed me, I'll see that you

get twenty within a fortnight."

The mother was interviewed, the wig and frock were purchased, and Gretchen appeared that night, unannounced. She sang her song between the acts. The surprised and delighted audience demanded many encores, and generously threw enough silver coins on the stage to settle her first two week's salary.

The following year she joined Ben Greet's Players in Shakespearean productions. She appeared later in support of Wilton Lackaye, in "The Law and the Man," playing the role of Cosette.

At the age of ten years Miss Hartman achieved the enviable distinction of creating in America, the title role of Ibsen's "Little Eyolf."

Last season she was engaged to play a principal role in a Broadway musical production of importance; but was stopped by the Gerry society, under the law that although a child may speak lines, when seven years old in a dramatic production, she must not sing on the stage until she reaches the age of sixteen.

On the occasion of the metropolitan premiere of "Mary Jane's Pa." at the Garden Theatre, little Gretchen Hartman registered a hit that was second only to that scored by Mr. Dixey.

The advance sale of seats for Henry E. Dixey's appearance Wednesday evening, with the entire original Garden theatre cast and production of "Mary Jane's Pa." opened to-morrow morning.

MARRIED.

REINHARD—KRING.—In Stamford, Miss Inga J., daughter of Mr. A. P. Kring, of Stamford, to Charles W. Reinhard.

ACKENZIE—BAHRET.—In West Redding, March 2, Fred J. Mackenzie, of Bethel, and Miss Adella Bahret, of West Redding.

ROSBETTER—BALCH.—In Harwinton, Feb. 28, Harry Rosbatter, of Thomaston, and Miss Mabel Balch of Harwinton.

PETERSON—LYNAS.—In Stamford, March 1, Charles G. Peterson and Miss Helen L. Lynas.

STEVENS—GREEN.—In Danbury, March 2, George C. Stevens, of Danbury, and Miss Rena G. Green, of New Britain.

STAGGERTY—FERRIS.—In Greenwich, March 1, Miss Georgetta, daughter of Mr. George Ferris to Sylvester Stagerty.

DIED.

MACGREGOR.—In the Danbury Hospital, March 2, Frank MacGregor, of Bethel.

HAITSCH.—In Danbury, March 1, John Haitsch, aged 52 years.

MATTHEWS.—In Stamford, March 1, Fannie I. Matthews, wife of Charles H. Matthews, aged 59 years.

CLARK.—At Stamford, March 1, Patrick Clark, aged 53 years.

RAYMOND.—At Noroton Heights, March 1, Virginia W., wife of Seth Raymond, aged 52 years.

TENNEY.—In Clifton Springs, N. Y., March 2, Mrs. Mary E. Tenney of Torrington, aged 70 years.

CARRIER.—In Watford, March 1, John F. Carrier, aged 78 years.

STUART.—In Thomaston, March 1, Agnes, widow of Edward Stuart.

PRATT.—In Waterbury Hospital, Feb. 27, George Pratt.

BRADLEY.—In Noroton, Feb. 27, Mrs. Mary A. Bradley.

WHEELER.—In New Fairfield, March 1, Harriet E., widow of George W. Wheeler, aged 83 years.

JONES.—In Torrington, Feb. 28, Mrs. Ada Spurr Jones, of Salisbury, aged 52 years.

DOUGLASS.—In East Norwalk, Feb. 28, Elizabeth R., wife of William R. Douglass, aged 52 years.

MACGREGORY.—At the Danbury Hospital, March 2, Frank H. MacGregor, of Bethel, aged 46 years.

PORTER.—At Glenbrook, March 2, Katharine B., wife of A. Martin Porter, in the 37th year of her age.

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Mrs. Hurley is an old and tried member of the legion, being one of the leading spirits in the organization of St. Rose, Lima Council, No. 97 of Meriden, of which she was a charter member, her name being the first inscribed on the charter. By the good will of her comrades she was elected as the first president of the council, which office she held for five years.

In 1898 she was elected to represent Connecticut in the Supreme Council, where she has since then continuously served her state and the legion. Mrs. Hurley removed to this city about years ago. She was soon asked to assume new labors being elected president of Sacred Heart council, No. 142, serving in that capacity during the years 1907 and 1908. She was appointed in 1908, a vice president of the Supreme Council.

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Mrs. Hurley has endeared herself to a large number of acquaintances because of her earnestness, and the enthusiasm she inspires in the members of the legion. She is a member of several local charitable organizations.

OLD MAIDS AND SOME OTHERS NOT SO OLD

A trolley car loaded with old maids and some who are not old maids but maybe, some day, came over from Southport last night and held convention at the Washington Park M. E. church. The affair was a repetition of the convention held in Southport some weeks ago and created as much inter-

est here as it did in its home town.

The characters were quaintly attired in the costumes of various periods from the Revolution down to the present. Garrets have been ransacked for relics of the past and they figured in the costumes of the evening. A large audience braved the weather to listen to the conventions. The characters were:

Professor Pinkerton, Mr. Bertram Jennings; President, Mrs. Alphonzo Jennings; Maribah Lovejoy, Mrs. F. M. Roscoe; Priscilla Hope, Mrs. F. E. Northrop; Arabella Heywood, Mrs. A. H. Muser; Anxiety Dougherty, Mrs. George Elwood; Sarah Jane Springster, Mrs. C. Williams; Eliza Hooker, Mrs. Voorhees; Esther Snyder, Mrs. R. E. Seymour; Marion Perkins, Mrs. W. A. Bulkeley; Asenith Baker, Mrs. J. M. Brotherton; Amanda Horn, Mrs. Hawkins; Sophia Porter (pianist), Miss Lena Muser.

Others who took part were: Miss Ruth Hawkins, Priscilla; Miss Irma Lounsbury, college girl; Miss Elfreda Lounsbury, singer; Miss Lottie Blamey, Topsy; Miss May Wells, cook; Miss Florence Lyman, dumb bell; Miss May Mason, Dutch girl; Miss Ethel Brotherton, school girl; Miss Eva Reincke, mandolin; Miss Olive Blaney; Miss Carrie Sherwood, Miss Stella Blaney, Red Cross nurses; a man, Clifford Wells.

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